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(54) Complex oxide having high thermoelectric conversion efficiency

(57) This invention provides a complex oxide comprising the features of : (i) being represented by the formula: $(A_{0.4}B_{0.1}M_{0.1})_{x/0.6}Co_2O_y$ wherein A and B are elements differing from each other, each represents Ca, Sr or Ba, M represents Bi, Sc, Y, La, Ce, Pr, Nd, Sm, Eu, Gd, Tb, Dy, Ho, Er, Yb or Lu, $1.7 \leq x \leq 2$, and $3.8 \leq y \leq 5$, (ii) having a Seebeck coefficient of 100 $\mu V/K$ or more at a temperature of 100 K (absolute temperature) or higher and (iii) having an electrical resistivity of 10 m Ω cm or

less at a temperature of 100 K (absolute temperature) or higher. The complex oxide of the invention is a material composed of low-toxicity elements existing in large amounts, the material having superior heat resistance and chemical durability and a high thermoelectric conversion efficiency in a temperature range of 600 K or higher which falls in the temperature range of waste heat.

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